

<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 2.2-5 Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Pets within the Town of Clayton</p>
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2.2-5.1 Definitions

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- a. Town Council shall mean the group of elected officials acting as governing body for the Town of Clayton.
- b. Person shall mean an individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.
- c. Shall is mandatory; May is permissible.
- d. Pet shall mean any domesticated or tamed animal that is kept and cared for by a person.
- e. At Large shall mean off of the premises of the person or owner and not under the control by leash, cord, chain, rope, or otherwise.
- f. Owner shall mean any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a pet.

2.2-5.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, keep, control or bring within the Town of Clayton any animal which is not a household pet, as defined in the Town of Clayton Zoning Ordinance Section 6.4-4.5, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clayton.

2.2-5.3 Any person having a pet within the Town of Clayton must properly maintain the pet and shall not permit that pet to become a public nuisance nor when grouped with one or more pets of the same species or different species shall permit said pets from becoming a public nuisance within the Town of Clayton.

2.2-5.4 Concerning the handling and care for said pets the following rules and regulations shall apply:

- a. The owner of any pet within the Town of Clayton shall insure that said pet be confined within the property boundary of any property owned by the person or leashed or otherwise occupied by the person and shall not permit said pet to wander or run at large unless otherwise expressly permitted by this Ordinance or other Ordinances within the Town of Clayton.
- b. All persons owning a pet within the Town of Clayton must insure that said animal does not commit waste, permit noise, cause damage to any property, other pets, persons, or entities within the Town of Clayton.

2.2-5.5 Any person harboring a pet not in compliance with this Ordinance or any section or subsections of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, before any court of competent jurisdiction be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

2.2-5.6 Severability

If any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application of any provision thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of said Ordinance it being the intention of Town Council that such remainder shall be and remain in full force and effect.